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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ECON XL NS  
SUBJ: CARIBBEAN TASK FORCE--SPECIFIC EXAMPLES

REF: STATE 246298

1. SINCE THERE IS NO USAID PROGRAM IN SURINAM, WE DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO DETAILS OF SURINAM GOVERNMENT'S PROJECT PLANNING ON A REGULAR BASIS, AND WE WOULD NOT WANT TO CREATE FALSE EXPECTATIONS BY INQUIRING OF GOS WHAT PROJECTS MIGHT BE CONSIDERED FOR FINANCING BY CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OR COOPERATION FUND.

2. HOWEVER, IN OUR VIEW, LITTLE IF ANY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PER SE SHOULD BE EXPENDED FROM THESE SOURCES ON SURINAM, WHICH HAS MORE THAN AMPLE FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR AT LEAST THE NEXT TEN YEARS. MASSIVE DUTCH ASSISTANCE AND CONTINUING  
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HIGH BAUXITE REVENUES ARE MORE THAN SUFFICIENT TO COVER GOS NEEDS, WHICH SO FAR HAVE NMO BEEN EQUAL TO THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE. THUS SURINAM PROJECTS WOULD NOT ABSORB SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF FUNDS FROM PROPOSED CARIBBEAN COOPERATIVE FRAMEWORK DURING THE NEXT THREE YEARS AND FOR SOME TIME THEREAFTER.

3. WHAT WE DO SEE AS POTENTIALLY OF SIGNIFICANCE IN COOPERATIVE SCHEME AS IT HAS EMERGED SO FAR IS TWOFOLD: (1) PROVIDING A REGIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR POSSIBLE U.S. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SURINAM, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELDS OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITIES ACROSS THE BOARD. PROJECTS WOULD BE LARGELY FINANCED BY THE DUTCH, BUT U.S. EXPERTS AND FACILITIES COULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN DESIGN AND EXECUTION; AND (2) INCORPORATING A SURINAMESE VOICE OF MODERATION IN CARIBBEAN DELIBERATIVE COUNCILS, WHICH WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO A MORE ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION ALONG DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES. THIS LATTER OBJECTIVE REQUIRES AN AFFIRMATIVE GOS DECISION THAT IT IS INTERESTED IN SUCH A ROLE, SOMETHING WE ARE NOT AT ALL SURE IT IS PREPARED TO PLAY AT THIS TIME IN THE CARIBBEAN CONTEXT. ALL THE MORE REASON THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO KEEP GOS INFORMED OF OUR THINKING BUT NOT APPEAR TO BE PUSHING FOR ACTIVE GOS PARTICIPATION IN ANY CARIBBEAN COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. ZURHELLEN

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